

# Wellington Town Council

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## **PROMOTIONS & LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held at the Wellington Civic Offices on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015** commencing at 10.00am.

### **Present:**

Cllr P Fairclough – Chairman  
Cllr Phil Morris-Jones  
Cllr Sylvia Hall  
Cllr Cindy Morris-Mason  
Cllr Sherrel Fikeis

Kevin Tanner – LA21  
Ross Vickers – Civic Society  
Eric Westwood - Lions  
Bob Coalbran – Walkers are  
Welcome representative

**In attendance:** Caroline Mulvihill, Assistant to the Town Clerk.

### **1/15 Welcome and Introductory Remarks**

Cllr Fairclough welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for all members to introduce themselves.

### **2/15 Election of Chairman**

Proposed by Cllr Fairclough, seconded by Sylvia Hall the nomination of Cllr Karen Tomlinson.

All in favour and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Karen Tomlinson be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

### **3/15 Election of Deputy**

Proposed by Cllr Sherrel Fikeis, seconded by Cllr Pat Fairclough the nomination of Sherrel Fikeis.

All in favour and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Sherrel Fikeis be appointed Deputy Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year. Although Cllr Fikeis was present for the meeting it was further agreed that Cllr Fairclough should remain Chair for this meeting.

27.5.15

**4/15 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Karen Tomlinson  
Cllr Lee Carter  
Jean Wordsworth  
John Sweetland  
Gary Wade  
Brian Harpham  
Ian Davies  
Rev David Ash  
Apologies accepted

**5/15 Declarations of Interest**

Members only need declare any interest they may have in items of business in this Agenda. Nothing to declare but Cllr Pat Fairclough did mention her association with LA21.

**6/15 To confirm the minutes of the last meeting – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015.**

Proposed by Cllr Morris-Jones, seconded by Cllr Fairclough and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY that the minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairman of the meeting as a true and accurate record.

**7/14 Matters arising from the last meeting minutes.**

- (i) **Minute 94/14(ii): Ercall Wood Project and Heritage Day:**  
Ross Vickers stated that annually the local Churches would be open for Heritage Day on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Sunnycroft would also be open for free as were all National Trust Properties.
- (ii) **Minute 96/14(vi): Victorian Market:**  
Caroline asked for volunteer's to create a sub-committee to take the idea of a Victorian Market further. The following people offered to be involved: Ross Vickers, Cllr Morris-Jones (Mayoral commitments willing) Cllr Fairclough, Cllr Fikeis and Caroline would contact Kay from the market to gauge his interest and support. Caroline to arrange a meeting to progress this.
- (iii) **Minute 96/14(vii) Wellington Brown and Blue Plaque signs.**  
Ross Vickers reported that he had sourced a supplier of cast iron signs, Longmead Designs. They had quoted £370.00 plus £10.00 delivery which was within Shortwood's budget of £500.00 for a new Hesba Stretton sign. Approval of the design, made by Allan Frost, still needed to be confirmed by the school then an order can be placed.
- (iv) **Minute 109/14(i) Pride in the Community**  
A meeting was held last Friday and various ideas were discussed on how and what could be applied for in Wellington Town Council's bid. Future meetings would need to take place to discuss further.

## **8/15 Correspondence**

(i) Hosts for the forthcoming Literary Festival  
Cllr Fairclough asked the Committee for their support at the Literary Festival. If anyone was free to assist with the introducing of events or as part of the hosting team it would be most helpful.

(ii) Bayley Mile  
Caroline explained to the Committee that year on year participant and spectator numbers were both reducing at the Bayley Mile Road Race. Concerns had been raised over its future. 2016 would be its 20<sup>th</sup> year so an excellent opportunity to make a special event of the anniversary. A meeting would be held in January to discuss options further.  
Advertising once more in the 'Wrekin News' and also 'Piggy backing' other Facebook and social media sites could also be a way of further promotion of our events.  
Purchasing several banners for each annual event for the surrounding routes into Wellington could be purchased for passing trade and also the relocation of an 'events only' public noticeboard could also be pursued.

(iii) Time of future P & L meetings  
There had been some discussion over the best time for the Promotions and Liaison Committee to meet. Cllr Fairclough suggested, seconded by Cllr Morris-Jones that it should be discussed at Full Council and options are given back to the Promotions Committee to decide.

(iv) Shrewsbury Food Festival  
Kevin Tanner is a volunteer at this year's Shrewsbury Food Festival that's scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June in the Quarry. It was agreed that such a festival in the Bowring Park would be an excellent opportunity for Wellington and it was agreed that Caroline would contact the organisers to investigate further.

## **9/15 Literary Festival**

Caroline showed the Committee the first hard copy of the programme which now needed to be proof read. Paper fliers would be available to hand out at the Midsummer Fayre and the launch of the festival would be in the Market Square on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August.  
It was agreed that the Mayors stall at the Lions Day could also promote the festival. Discussions bought up the option of a 'signer' or a mobile 'hearing loop' for our larger venues. Caroline to research costs.

## **10/15 Walkers are Welcome**

Bob Coalbran reported to the Committee that the Walking Festival brochure was now available along with two postcards. One dedicated to the 'Shropshire Hills Walking Festivals and Events' and the other to 'Wellingtons Walking Festival'. The new route 16 and 17 brochures were also passed around the Committee but these would be available and promoted to the public on around a months' time.  
The Path Maintenance Team was also having great success clearing up various paths around Wellington.

**11/15 To receive information on other future events and activities.**

Italian Market 30<sup>th</sup> May 2015  
Shropshire and Newport Canal Trust AGM 6 June 2015 at Wappenshall  
Beat and Bells Morris Dancers 6<sup>th</sup> June 2015 in Shrewsbury  
Walkers are Welcome AGM 7<sup>th</sup> June at 3.45pm  
Midsummer Fayre 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015  
Wellington Unity Carnival 20<sup>th</sup> June 2015  
Lions Day on Wheels 12<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

Caroline reminded the Committee that 25 members from the Twinning Association, 27 members of the Wellington Town band and 10 young sports people from TCAT were travelling to Chatenay on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Ross Vickers mentioned about the meeting that he had with T & W over the development of the 'Bacchus' and the 'Charlton'. Work would commence on the Charlton in three months and although objections towards the 'Bacchus' were over ruled it was agreed T & W Planning Department would be more involved with Wellington for future developments.

Cllr Fairclough requested that new I.D badges should be purchased for all Councillors' and Staff.

With the passing of Percy, the Town Crier, it was agreed by all that a competition should be advertised in the Wrekin News for a new Town Crier. It was also suggested that we ask Shrewsbury's and Newport's Town Crier to be judges.  
In commemoration of Percy a tree and plaque would be sourced and planted in the Peace Garden with a short service. Caroline to discuss options with Rob Jeavons from T & W for something suitable.

**12/15 To agree date and time of next meeting;  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 10.00am.**

Signed .....  
24<sup>th</sup> June 2015